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MEDIA RELEASE

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WESTMINSTER POLICE SEEK THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE WITH THEFT OF GASOLINE

The Westminster Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with the investigation of four (4) storage shed burglaries and one (1) theft which have occurred in the western portion of the City in the vicinity in the Royer Road/Uniontown Road since mid-July. In each of these cases, only plastic fuel containers of gasoline have been stolen. It appears to investigators that these crimes are occurring during the hours of darkness and in several cases locks have been forcibly removed from the sheds to gain access. Two (2) unsecured gas cans were also stolen from the rear yard of a residence. To date, these incidents have been reported at the following areas:

| DATE OF REPORT | LOCATION |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| July 15, 2011 | 700 block of Mulligan Lane |
| July 18, 2011 | 600 block of Johahn Drive |
| July 30, 2011 | 600 block of Johahn Drive |
| August 16, 2011 | 800 block of Johahn Drive |
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Residents in the area are requested to remain alert for any suspicious activity which may be related to this ongoing problem. Suspicious persons or vehicles should be reported immediately by contacting "911" or by calling the Westminster Police Department directly at (410) 848-4646. Information may be provided anonymously using the Department's Tip Line **(410) 857-TIPS** or by sending a text message to keyword **TIPWPD** and your tip to **847411 (TIP411)**.

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